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Rechnitz - direct

13 Q. Were there aspects of your job at Africa Israel that made
14 getting to know the police appealing?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What were those?

17 A. The chairman of the company of Africa Israel was privately
18 in the diamond business, and he had a store on Madison Avenue
19 that had a lot of protestors over the holidays, Valentine's Day
20 and other holidays, that would stand outside of his store and
21 disrupt customers from going inside.

22 This was a big headache for him, and the CEO of Africa
23 Israel wrote him and asked me if there is anything I can do
24 through the police. He felt they shouldn't be allowed to
25 protest outside of the business.

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1 So I brought it to the attention of Jeremy, and he
2 said, you know, there is definitely something we can do. Why
3 don't you get from the jewelry store a further donation for the
4 NYPD football team. I did. I think it was \$25,000, a huge
5 amount of money, and he said that he would make sure the
6 problem went away.

HB2TSEA2

Rechnitz - redirect

1 Q. Mr. Rechnitz, I don't think you were asked this yesterday,
2 so I will ask: What did you understand the term corrupted to
3 mean when Mr. Schechtman asked you if you thought you corrupted
4 police officers?

5 A. Like a quid quo pro, a bribe, saying, for example, I will
6 give you a dollar if you give me a bottle of water. That's
7 what I understand corruption to mean.

8 Q. When Mr. Schechtman asked you if you corrupted the police
9 officers, why did you say no?

10 A. Because there was never an explicit verbal agreement to
11 that example. I never said I will give you this if you give me
12 that. I gave them gifts, I expected favors in return, I never
13 expected to hear a no from them and favors were done, but it
14 was never an explicit verbal agreement.